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COUNTY ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION DATE FOR KI PILLS

Residents urged to check expiration date on existing household supply

Salem, NJ- Julie Acton, Freeholder Director announced “The Salem County Health Department will hold its annual distribution of potassium iodide (KI) pills on Monday, April 25, 2016 for residents who live within a 10-mile radius of the Salem & Hope Creek Generating Center.” Distribution will be from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Lower Alloways Creek Municipal Building located at 501 Locust Island Rd, Hancock’s Bridge, NJ 08038.

The Health Department is also asking residents to check their existing household supply of (KI) to ensure their pills have not expired. KI pills, which stop the thyroid from absorbing cancer-causing radioactive iodine, have a maximum shelf-life effectiveness of approximately six years. KI pills are distributed in individual foil packets and envelopes, with dosages marked for children or adults, along with the expiration date.

“Should there be an accidental release, radiation could affect anyone within 10 miles of the generating center,” said Freeholder Robert Vanderslice, Chair of the Health Committee. “If you are unsure whether you are in that radius, contact the County Office of Emergency Management at 856-769-2900.”

Elsinboro, Lower Alloways Creek, Salem, and some parts of Pennsville, Mannington, and Quinton are in the 10-mile radius.

“During an emergency, the County Health Department will set up distribution sites for those people who do not already have the KI potassium iodide on hand,” stated Julie Acton, Freeholder Director.

The pills should only be taken during a nuclear emergency, at the direction of the State Department of Health.

For more information about KI, you can call the County Health Department at 856-935-7510 ext. 8304 or go to www.health.salemcountynj.gov.

The Salem County Health Department also distributes KI pills throughout the year to walk-ins at the Fifth Street Office Complex, 110 Fifth Street, Salem, NJ.

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